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'Billy The Kid' Still Intrigues Old West Fans

DENVER, COLO.—With tales of western bandits enjoying a revival because of a couple of claimants to the identity of Jesse James, speculation has widened concerning what some of the desperadoes of the old west would have been like had they been born and reared in a modern-day western town.

Among those who have come within the purview of such speculation is William Bonney—a name which would mean little to most people; but tell them that William Bonney was the real name of "Billy the Kid," and ears will perk up and interest quicken.

If he had grown up in a Midwest town of today, in a family in fair circumstances, most people agree that he would have become an exceptional athlete in baseball or track, rather than football. He had amazing speed and coordination, but he was slim and light, carrying only 140 pounds on his 5 foot, 8-inch frame.

He would have made a good soldier in wartime, because he had plenty of nerve, laughed at discomfort and was quite a handy fellow with a gun. If his thoughts had turned to show business, he would have become a fine hoofer. Even without training, he had an easy aptitude for dancing and it is reported that the girls loved to be his partners.

Name Still Thrills

The schools which hold to the "born criminal" theory would disagree with that, perhaps; but there are multiple cases on record where the worst environment has produced some of the best men.

Despite all his faults, the public still thrills at mention of "Billy The Kid's name and exploits.

He is the hero of dozens of movies; all the way from "The Outlaw" and a Robert Taylor epic to the quickest of the quickie ventures. He is even exalted in a ballet, "Billy the Kid," which was designed by Eugene Loring, the former Milwaukee dance leader, and which now rates among the vivid examples of American dance.

Yes, a fellow who is brave and handsome and cheerful and can kill more effectively than any of his competitors will always have a fascination for a worshipful world of youth. In his 21 years, Billy knocked off 21 men (and perhaps more). "He was probably the quickest and surest man on the trigger anywhere south or west of Wild Fill Hickock," says that shrewd old Texas vaquero, Jim Young.

This restless youth, this symbol of the wildest west, this sagebrush Prince Charming was born in, of all places, New York city—a Bowery slum tenement to be exact. The time was just 90 years ago.

When William was 3, the obscure Bonney family moved to Coffeyville, Kas., where the father died. Mrs. Bonney and her two lads, Bill and Ed, moved on to Colorado, where she married a Mr. Antrim—first name not recorded. The Antrims opened a restaurant near Fort Union, on the Santa Fe trail, and then pushed on to Silver City, N.M., a crude mining town. His mother ran a boarding house and Billy had a few years' schooling.

Haunted Saloons

The boy learned much more hanging around the gambling saloons. He watched the men play cards and caught on to their tricks. Before he was 12 he knew how to deal the games, principally three card monte, a Mexican flimflam for the sucker trade.

When Billy was 12, he and his mother were walking on a Silver City street when a young blacksmith tossed a slurring remark at her. Billy sprang upon the fellow, but was pulled away by a good natured passer-by, Moulton, who slapped the blacksmith down. Later, in a saloon, the enraged blacksmith attacked Moulton with a chair. Billy pulled out his pocket knife and drove it into the assailant's heart.

Billy scooted out of the saloon, headed west and never saw his family again. No more is known of him until he was 16. By that time he was a cowboy and monte dealer around Tucson. He gained publicity by killing a few men in card games. How that boy could whip out a ".44"!

But the real, the reprehensible Billy was showing up, too. Far out on the trail he spotted three Indians and, with three shots, killed them for the ponies, saddles and pelts they had.

Migraine Type Headache Stopped by New Technique

CHICAGO. — Migraine-type headaches can be avoided if the sufferer inhales a carbon-dioxide mixture when the attack is felt coming on. That is the finding of Drs. Robert M. Marcussen and Harold G. Wolff of New York who gave a series of patients a mixture of 10 per cent carbon-dioxide and 90 per cent oxygen.

The doctors reported that their experiments indicated migraine attacks can be interrupted before the headache developes.

Gladstone

Gladstone, April 26.- Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bowman and daughter, Shirley Anne, of Crewe, and Jimmy Farris, of Richmond are visiting Mrs. Alice Thomas and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Turman have returned from Richmond, where they spent several days with their sons and daughters there.

Mrs. J. W. Moss has returned after a visit with her mother, Mrs. W. C. McCraw, of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Banton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bethel, of Amherst, spent last week with relatives in Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones and son spent the week-end with relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. E. R. Hammersley has returned home after a visit in Richmond.

Trinity Road

Trinity Road, April 25.- April showers are surely welcome.

Glad to report Mrs. E. H. Carson is improving after being confined to her bed.

Recent guests of the Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Hughes included Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dunkum, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Carlin Kirkpatrick and daughter, Bettie, of Ashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Drinkard, of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Drinkard, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. W. H. Drinnard in the home of her son, Clayton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mrs. S. E. Anderson.

Mrs. Lula Taylor is visiting relatives in Lynchburg for several weeks.

Mrs. Faye Stratton Thomas left Monday for her home in Senatobia, Miss., after a visit with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Stratton. Little Pete and Sallie Thomas stayed over for the summer months.

Mrs. Gerald Maxey, of Rustburg was a Tuesday night visitor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Stratton.

Missouri Boys Town Said Now to Be Coming of Age

ST. JAMES, MO.—Boys Town of Missouri on a 120-acre estate two and a half miles southeast of this little city is coming of age.

The project is only a few months old, but Gordon Atkins, its executive director, is definitely optimistic about the job it is doing in giving a new start to young Missourians who got off on the wrong foot.

Boys Town of Missouri started officially when a handful of sorry-looking youngsters reported here to Atkins. His sleeves rolled up, Atkins talked to them man to man. "As far as I'm concerned," he told them, "you're all right guys. Now, let's work together."

The lads were surprised to find that there were no bars at Boys Town.

The story of Boys Town of Missouri began actually seven years ago, when the ship bearing W. F. James of St. Louis was sunk by the Germans. James was a gunnery officer on the ship, the USS Joseph Hewes, a combat transport, which was landing assault troops at Casablanca when attacked. James found himself on a raft with German machine gun bullets drilling the boards all about him.

"If I ever get out of this war alive," James vowed, "I'm going to do something worthwhile."

Of those on the raft James was the only survivor. He later served in the North African campaign, where he was temporarily blinded by a flash blast and also was gassed.

When he returned from the war he immediately went to work to make good his vow to "do something worthwhile." He formed an organization of veterans and young businessmen in the St. Louis area, where he is a motor car dealer, and became commander of an American Legion post.

On the alert for worthwhile projects, he became interested in a "Boys Town" type undertaking in neighboring Illinois. He decided to sponsor a project for Missouri which would help him reclaim its young citizens. Thus Boys Town of Missouri was born.

Woman Hitting Parked Car Gives Owner Good Lecture

MONTGOMERY, ALA. — Ewell Matthews was sitting in his parked car when a woman driver crashed into him.

Before he could say a word, the woman gave him a lecture on careful driving and drove away before police arrived.

Surveying the damage, Matthews noticed that a photograph record inside the car had been broken. On one side was "Behind The Eight Ball," and on the other, "Never Trust A Woman."

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Local Happenings

Mrs. Hazel R. Mann spent Monday and Tuesday in Richmond, attending a welfare department conference.

Mrs. J. B. Ford and Dr. Chas. F. Ford left Tuesday for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will spend several weeks in the home of Dr. C. Ford, Jr. They will be accompanied home by Mrs. Ames, who has been visiting there.

Miss Mary Hayes, of Clarksville is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Eddie Wooldridge.

Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge, Mrs. Jessie Carwile and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Norfleet will leave Saturday for Greenville, S. C., where they will spend several days.

Mrs. Alpha Higginbotham is visiting in London, England. She made the trip by plane.

Sup't. J. A. Burke spent several days in Roanoke this week attending a school conference.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Doss spent Sunday in Cullen with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bryant.

Mrs Carlton Godsey and Mrs. Mabel Ferguson entertained Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Godsey at a shower in honor of Mrs. Hugh Bryant, a recent bride.

Miss Barbara Ann Jamerson has recovered from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hudson spent the week-end in Clarksville.

Friends are glad to hear that Mrs. Walker Garrett has returned to her home and is much improved.

Miss Mildred Sharp spent Thursday and Friday of last week with Miss Annie Laurie Mann.

Lewis Sharp has recovered from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Belcher and daughter, Judy, of Roanoke, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stanley.

Miss Eltha Morris is visiting relatives in Bluefield, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stancy spent the week-end in Roanoke

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Slider, of Amherst, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson, Jr., of Richmond have announced the birth of a daughter, Patricia Atwood, born at the Johnston-Willis Hospital Thursday, April 20.

There will be a meeting of the citizens' school advisory committee tonight at the court house.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Wesley Stanley were Mrs. John Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mays and son, Warren.

The Lions Club will meet tonight at 6.45 at the Lee Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Doss announce the marriage of their daughter, Nellie Marie, to Pfc. Earl T. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elon O. Johnson. The ceremony took place at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. R. Carl Maxwell Saturday, April 15 at 6 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Page, of Appomattox, announce the marriage of their daughter, Audrey to Charles Alexander Mason, son of the late Mr. A. A. Mason and Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, of Lynchburg. The wedding was performed at the home of the Rev. J. Marshall Walker on April 8 at 2 o'clock. The bride wore navy blue with white accessories, and a corsage of white carnations. Mrs. Mason is a senior at Appomattox High School. Mr. Mason is now employed in Farmville.

Pvt. Lloyd Godsey will leave Friday for Camp Stonemann, California after spending a leave at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Overton, of Martinsville are moving May 1 to their farm home near Appomattox. He will retire after twenty years of service with the DuPont Company. Mr. and Mrs. Overton have been honored with several parties in Martinsville during recent days.

John Smith, of Abingdon was an overnight guest Thursday in the home of Mrs. S. E. Anderson. Mrs. Smith and daughter, Bettie, returned home with him Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlin Kirkpatrick and daughter, Bettie, of Ashburn, were last week-end guests of Mrs. Clayton T. Drinkard and attended the Dedication Sunday.

Mrs. Lena King, of Richmond, was the Sunday guest, April 16, of Mrs. E. O. Blackwell.

Mrs. Florence Lipscomb and daughter, Miss Temple, of Farmville were recent week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thackston and family, of High Point, N. C., were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sheets and family, of Clifton Forge, spent the week-end of the 16th with his sister, Mrs. J. Newton Jennings.

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Ball Game At Pamplin

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Church News

Appomattox Circuit Methodist Churches
D. M. Spence, Pastor

BETHEL
Sunday School, 10 A. M.
Mr. Lyle Thomas, Sup't.
M. Y. F. meets at 7:30 P. M.

HERMON
Worship Service, 10 A. M.
Sunday School, 10 A. M.
Mr. R. A. Hamilton, Sup't.

MT. COMFORT
Sunday School, 10:15 A. M.
Mr. C. F. Moore, Sup't.
Worship Service, 11:15 A. M.
M. Y. F. meets at 8 P. M.

TRINITY
Sunday School, 10 A. M.
Mr. R. B. Martin, Sup't.
M. Y. F. meets at 7:30 P. M.

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be preaching at the Hollywood Baptist Church Sunday, April 30, at 11 A.M., by our former pastor, the Rev. A. C. Lawson. All invited.

Memorial Methodist Church
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R. Carl Maxwell, Minister

9:45 A. M. Sunday School.
Claude W. Smith, Superintendent.
11 A. M. Morning Worship.
Topic: The House Eternal.
Youth Choir.
7:15 P.M. Fellowships for ages 9—24.
8:00 P.M. Evening Worship.
Topic: The Gladness of Jesus.
Adult Choir.

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